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S E C R E T DAMASCUS 0270

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI MASS
SUBJECT: ARMS SHIPMENT TO SOMALIA

REF: A) ROME 515, B) DAMASCUS 163

1. . SOMALI AMBASSADOR BURALE TOLD ME JANUARY 12 THAT ALL ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM SYRIA AND IRAQ TO SOMALIA HAD CEASED AS OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO. BURALE SAID THAT BOTH BAGHDAD AND DAMASCUS HAD TOLD SOMALI PRESIDENT BARRE DURING HIS RECENT VISITS TO THEIR CAPITALS THAT SOMALIA CONTINUED TO HAVE THEIR "UNQUALIFIED AND PRINCIPLED POLITICAL SUPPORT" BUT THAT SOVIETS OPPOSED THEIR PROVIDING ANY TYPE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2. BURALE STATED THAT BARRE HAD NOT INITIALLY INTENDED
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TO VISIT DAMASCUS DECEMBER 31-JAN 1 BUT AFTER SAMPLING HOSTILE ATMOSPHERE TOWARES DAMASCUS IN BAGHDAD DECIDED HE SHOULD COME HERE SO HE WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE TAKING SIDES IN SYRO-IRAQI DISPUTE.

3. BURALE INDICATED HIS INFORMATION ON ARMS SUPPLY CAME FROM BARRE HIMSELF.

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